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SUBJECT: CUBAN MILITARY INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA

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1. YOU WILL RECALL THAT WE EXPLAINED (75 SANTIAGO 8637) WHY WE THOUGHT IT WOULD NOT BE DESIRABLE FOR US TO GIVE CHILEAN AUTHORITIES A BLOW-BY-BLOW DESCRIPTION OF CUBAN MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA.

2. AS WE INDICATED IN THAT TELEGRAM, WE HAVE NO TROUBLE IN PERSUADING THE CHILEANS THAT SOVIETS ARE USING CUBANS TO PLAY A COMMUNIST-IMPERIALIST GAME IN AFRICA. IN THIS REGARD, THE FACTS FIT IN EXACTLY WITH CHILEAN PRECONCEPTIONS ABOUT INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM IN GENERAL. THE BEST THING WE COULD DO TO FORTIFY CHILEAN VIEWS ABOUT CUBA IN THIS CONNECTION IS TO HAVE THE PRESS CARRY AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE OF THE DETAIL REGARDING CUBAN INTERVENTION -- AS IT GENERALLY HAS BEEN DOING.

3. OUR PROBLEM IF WE APPROACH CHILEAN OFFICIALS TOO OFTEN OR TOO DIRECTLY IS THAT WE ARE MET WITH THE QUESTION WHY THE UNITED STATES, AS THE ADMITTED LEADER OF THE ANTI-COMMUNIST STATES, DOES NOT ITSELF INTERVENE MORE ENERGETICALLY IN WHAT THE CHILEANS REGARD AS ITS OWN INTEREST. I HAVE BEEN BRACED ON THIS SUBJECT BY DEFENSE MINISTER BRADY, AND

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FONMIN CARVAJAL HAD THE SAME POINT IN MIND WHEN, IN A RECENT

PUBLIC LECTURE, HE COMPLAINED THAT "DETENTE IS UNILATERAL."

4. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, WE FREQUENTLY REFER  
TO CUBAN INTERVENTION, INFORMALLY, IN THE COURSE OF OUR  
CONVERSATIONS.

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